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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the title on page 1 of the Substitute Specification as follows:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR STORING AND ACCESSING AN OBJECT [OF] $\underline{\mathsf{BY}}$ A COMPUTER

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following

22. (ONCE AMENDED) A method for accessing a mapping object by a computer, comprising:

determining an index from at least one parameter of a process to at least one of transform and convert a predefined digital image, the at least one parameter determining a mapping of the mapping object;

[dereferencing] <u>determining an address</u> of the mapping object by reference to the index;

accessing the mapping object, if the mapping object can be determined with respect to the index;

determining and accessing a new mapping object from the predefined digital image according to the process, if the mapping object cannot be determined with respect to the index.

29. (ONCE AMENDED) A system for accessing a mapping object by a computer, comprising:

a processor unit

to determine an index from at least one parameter of a process to at least one of transform and convert a predefined digital image, the at least one parameter determining a mapping of the mapping object,

to [dereference] <u>determine an address of</u> the mapping object by reference to the index,

to access the mapping object, if the mapping object can be determined with respect to the index, and

to determine and access a new mapping object from the predefined digital image according to the process, if the mapping object cannot be determined with respect to the index.